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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the specification.

- DE 291 197 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation.

- U.S. Patent 2,247,305 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.

- DE 100 85 290 T1 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification. No full translation is available at this time.

- DE 102 25 511 as discussed on Pages 4 and 5 of the specification. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation.

- DE 102 25 512 as discussed on Pages 4 and 5 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation.

- DE 198 07 771 A1 as discussed on Page 4 of the specification. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation. Further, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent 6,095,066. No copy of this U.S. Patent is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

- DE 102 16 808 A1 as discussed on Page 4 of the specification. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation. Further Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent Application serial no. 10/310,597. No copy of this U.S. reference is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- DE 199 16 660 discloses a buttonhole sewing machine. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation. Further, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent 6,220,192. No copy of this U.S. Patent is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

- U.S. Patent 6,047,654 discloses a sewing installation for the production of a piped pocket opening. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No copy of this U.S. Patent is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

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- DE 102 25 511 discloses a buttonhole sewing machine. The reference has been cited under Categories P and A, and has been previously mentioned above. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation. Further, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0226485. No copy of this U.S. Publication is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

- DE 100 85 290 has been cited under Category A, and has been previously mentioned above. No translation is available at this time.

- DE 291 197 discloses a buttonhole cutting and stitching machine. The reference has been cited under Category A, and has been previously mentioned above. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation. Further, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding British reference no. 10,038.

- DE 102 25 512 discloses a buttonhole sewing machine. The reference has been cited under Categories P and A, and has been previously mentioned above. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation. Further, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0226486. No copy of this U.S. Publication is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

- U.S. Patent 6,142,087 discloses a cutting device for creating a slit opening for a buttonhole. The reference has been cited under Category A. No copy of this U.S. Patent is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

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- DE 197 16 631 discloses a unit compensating tolerances on button hole cutter of sewing machine. The reference has been cited under Category A. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language translation.

- Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 1996, no. 04, dated April 30, 1996 discloses a knife position adjusting device for sewing machine for eyelet button holing. The reference has been cited under Category A.

Consideration of the above references is respectfully requested.

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	<u>6,095,066</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 2000</u>	<u>Nöltge et al.</u>			<u>Feb. 24, 1999</u>
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	<u>6,047,654</u>	<u>April 11, 2000</u>	<u>Kaufhold</u>			<u>Sept. 9, 1999</u>
	<u>6,142,087</u>	<u>Nov. 7, 2000</u>	<u>Pofalla et al.</u>			<u>July 28, 1999</u>

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	<u>DE 199 16 660</u>	<u>June 21, 2000</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 102 25 511</u>	<u>June 18, 2003</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 100 85 290</u>	<u>Dec. 12, 2002</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 291 197</u>	<u>May 19, 1914</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
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	<u>DE 197 16 631</u>	<u>Oct. 22, 1998</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>Patent Abstracts of Japan No. 07313770</u>	<u>Dec. 5, 1995</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>Yes</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date,  
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